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SUBJECT: Liberty Claim

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17 UPI item which has not yet

1. Following summary August

appeared in press:

(a) Israel has refused to pay \$7 million claim for repairs USS LIBERTY. Israel has offered pay \$2 million. USG standing pat on grounds GOI assumed full responsibility for June 1967 attack. Article notes \$3.3 million paid for death claims.

(b) Notes this dispute complicates USG-GOI relations at time GOI pressing for decision on Phantoms.

(c) AX Notes USG unhappy over GOI failure sign NPT.

(d) Adds personal injury claims not yet submitted and some U.S. officials now worried about full compensation for wounded.

(e) Remainder article reviews facts attack on USS LIBERTY and subsequent Israeli apology, admission responsibility, and promise compensation.

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2. If queried/intends respond as follows:

(a) Some time ago Israel accepted responsibility for the attack and for payment of compensation for lives lost, for injuries, and for damage to vessel.

(b) Israel has paid the full compensation of \$3.3 million for the families of the men killed.

(c) The question of compensation for damage and for injuries is still under discussion. There is some difference of views, but we expect a satisfactory outcome. We cannot, of course, go into detail about the current discussions.

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